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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION		
	YES	NO					
	AO	11-287317	10/19/99	Japan (with English Abstract)			X
	AP	11-287318	10/19/99	Japan (with English Abstract)			X
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Atsushi AYABE

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FOR: DRIVING CONTROL APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE AND CONTROL METHOD OF SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (11-287317) on Form PTO-1449:**

When a predetermined condition for practicing a coast down shift should be realized is satisfied, a supply pressure of a speed change output stage side clutch is controlled so that a vehicle is maintained in a weak engine brake state. Then, the occurrence of an excessive engine brake and a large speed change shock at a coast down shift time. However, the time delay can not be avoided in this control in some case.

**Reference AP (11-287318) on Form PTO-1449:**

In a transmission control, when down shifting is determined, a former shift stage side clutch hydraulic pressure is decreased, while a shift output stage side clutch hydraulic pressure is increased. Feedback control is executed so as to obtain a constant rate of transmission torque capacity of the shift output stage side clutch, without perfectly engaging the shift output stage side clutch. As a result, it is possible to always obtain engine braking force, and perform smooth transmission..